Anandpur Sahib Resolution

Whereas the Sikhs of India are a historically recognised political nation ever since the inauguration of the Order of the Khalsa in the Concluding year of the 17th Century, and

Whereas this status of the Sikh nation has been (internationally) recognised and accepted by major Powers of Europe and Asia, to wit, France, England, Italy, Russia, China, Tibet, Persia, Afghanistan, Nepal and the Company Bahadur Fort William Calcutta, till the middle of the 19th century and again, by the outgoing British and the Hindu Congress and the Muslim League of India in the middle of the 20th Century, and

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Whereas the brute majority in India, in 1950, have imposed a Constitutional arrangement in India which denudes the Sikhs of all characteristics of their political identity and cultural particularity, thus liquidating the Sikhs politically and exposing them to spiritual death and cultural decay leading inevitably to submergence and dissolution into the brutish sea-waters of inchoate Hinduism, and

Whereas, the Sikhs have been thus shackled and imprisoned in cynical repudiation of solemn commitments and public promises earlier made to the Sikhs, while the Sikh representatives in the Constituent Assembly, in 1950, refused

to become a consenting party to
these Constitutional Arrangements
and declined to affix their
signatures to the official copy
of this Constitution Act, the
Shiromani Akali Dal in the
name and on behalf of the Sikhs,

Proclaims that the Sikhs are
determined, by all legitimate
means, to extricate and free
themselves from this degrading
and death-dealing situation so as
to ensure firmly their honourable
survival and salvage their inherent dignity
in India, and their birth right
to influence meaningfully the
mainstream of World-history. The
Sikhs, therefore,

Demand, firstly, that an auto-
nomous region in the North of India,

should be set up forthwith wherein the Sikh interests are Constitutionally recognised as of primary and special importance, as the fundamental State policy,

Secondly that this autonomous region, should include the present Indian Punjab, Karnal, Thanesar and Ambala Districts of Haryana, and the Ganganagar District of Rajasthan, thus bringing main contiguous Sikh populations and traditional Sikh habitats within this autonomous Sikh Region, as an integral part of the Union of India, and

Thirdly, this Sikh Autonomous Region may be declared as entitled to frame its own internal Constitution

inclusive of Chandigarh, Pinjore, Kalka, Dalhousie, Nalagarh [illegible], Sirsa [illegible], Guhla and Paonta areas [illegible]

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